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Heine Case Appeal Judge Assails CIA

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RICHMOND, Va. (UPI)—The chief judge of the U.S. 4th Circuit Court of Appeals says the Central Intelligence Agency may be ordering its agents "to go out and slander" suspected subversives.

Judge Clement F. Haynsworth yesterday criticized the CIA's methods in hearing an appeal from a naturalized Canadian who was a guerrilla fighter against Russians in the Baltic Sea province of Estonia.

Erik Heine, of the Montreal suburb of Roxdale, asked the court to force open CIA files to prove a Maryland man who called Heine a Russian spy actually is a CIA agent and immune to prosecution.

The CIA has branded the 47-year-old Heine as a KGB agent working for the Soviet Union among Estonian immigrants to Canada and the United States.

Heine sought \$110,000 in slander damages against the Hyattsville, Md., man, Juri Raus, who publicly works as an engineer for the U.S. Bureau of Roads. Raus, also an Estonian freedom fighter in World War II, has become a naturalized U.S. citizen. The CIA said he worked for the agency.

Haynsworth said the case appeared to show "an extraordinary instance of the exercise of governmental authority." He said it appeared that top CIA officials ordered subordinates to "go out and slander an individual."

A decision in the appeal may be given in two to three months.